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## INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

*Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports, March 26, as follows:

	Week ended March 26.
Persons inspected .....	196
Persons held .....	0
Pullman cars fumigated .....	7

*Inspection at El Paso, Tex.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports, March 26, as follows:

Week ended March 26, 1904: Mexican Central passengers inspected, 247; inspection of four private Pullmans, passengers and crew, 33; Mexican immigrants inspected, 53; inspection of Mexican laborers imported in bond, 19; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 389 pieces; disinfection of baggage, blankets, etc., second-class passengers, from Aguas Calientes, 37 pieces; fumigation of four private Pullman cars touching points where smallpox is said to be epidemic; vaccination of immigrants' children, 7.

*Inspection at Laredo, Tex.—Vaccination—Mortality of Nuevo Laredo, January and February, 1904.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, March 28, as follows: Week ended March 26, 1904:

Passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 14; persons on passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 490; immigrants inspected, 59; immigrants vaccinated, 1; Pullman coaches disinfected, 14; private sleeping car disinfected, 1.

Third-class coach on local train running between Saltillo, Mexico, and Laredo, Tex., contained on March 26 one Mexican immigrant child with suspicious eruption, nonimmune to smallpox and not vaccinated; remaining persons of family had good vaccine scars. All persons in this coach were reinspected, and those not having recent successful vaccination scars were vaccinated or revaccinated. Coach, with passengers and baggage therein, was returned to Mexico and Mexican authorities were notified. Person with eruption originated from Villaldama, Mexico.

*Mortality report of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, for months of January and February, 1904, obtained by personal inspection of mortality register.*

JANUARY, 1904.	FEBRUARY, 1904.
Intestinal fever..... 1	Peritonitis..... 1
Tuberculosis..... 2	Tuberculosis..... 1
Tetanus nascentium..... 1	Pneumonia..... 6
Perniciosa (?)..... 1	Abortion..... 1
Convulsions..... 1	Congenital debility..... 1
Cerebral congestion..... 1	Convulsions..... 1
Pneumonia..... 1	Cancer of uterus..... 1
Laryngitis..... 1	Asthma..... 1
Congenital debility..... 1	Scarlet fever..... 1
Old age..... 1	Paralysis of bladder..... 1

I was informed by reliable persons that *stegomyia* now exist at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico; I did not see any specimen. Fumigation is still being done, but no systematic oiling of water containers.

*Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—yearly and monthly.*

CALIFORNIA.—Reports to the State board of health for the month of February, 1904, from 37 counties and localities having an aggregate population of 1,050,850, show a total of 1,496 deaths, including 91 from zymotic diseases and 247 from tuberculosis.

CONNECTICUT—*Stamford*.—Month of March, 1904. Estimated population, 18,000. Number of deaths not reported. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.

GEORGIA—*Columbus*.—Month of March, 1904. Estimated population, 19,303; white, 10,276; colored, 9,027. Total number of deaths, 22; white 8, colored 14, including 1 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Worcester*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 127,286. Total number of deaths, 167, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 1, and 21 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended March 26, 1904, from 62 observers, indicate that scarlet fever, syphilis, whooping cough, dysentery, meningitis, cholera infantum, puerperal fever, and diphtheria were more prevalent, and pneumonia, erysipelas, remittent fever, intermittent fever, cholera morbus, and inflammation of brain were less prevalent than in the preceding week.

Meningitis was reported present at 3, whooping cough at 9, diphtheria at 28, enteric fever at 33, scarlet fever at 60, measles at 63, smallpox at 75, pneumonia at 90, and phthisis pulmonalis at 221 places.

MISSOURI—*St. Louis*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 645,000—white, 605,000; colored, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 1,013—white, 907; colored, 106—including diphtheria 7, enteric fever 7, measles 1, scarlet fever 15, whooping cough 5, smallpox 1, and 136 from tuberculosis.

NORTH CAROLINA—*Charlotte*.—Month of March, 1904. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 34, including 3 from tuberculosis.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Altoona*.—Month of March, 1904. Census population, 38,973; total number of deaths, 70, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 1, smallpox 1, and 6 from tuberculosis.

TENNESSEE—*Chattanooga*.—Month of February, 1904. Estimated population, 40,000; white, 27,000; colored, 13,000. Total number of deaths, 60; white, 26; colored, 34, including enteric fever 2 and 3 from tuberculosis.